

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4 – 21 are pending in the present application.

Claim 1, 4 – 7 and 12 – 14 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6350,071 (*Conwell*). The subject matter in *Conwell* that the Examiner relied upon in rejecting the claims was invented by Kevin Conwell and Pixie Austin. Kevin Conwell and Pixie Austin are both inventors on the subject application. Accompanying this response are 37 CFR §1.32 Declarations of Kevin Conwell and Pixie Austin. Accordingly, *Conwell* is not prior art and Claims 1, 4 – 7 and 12 – 14 are patentable.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Conwell in view of US Patent No. 5,935,525 (*Lincoln*). Conwell is not prior art. Accordingly, claim 11 is patentable.

Claims 8 – 11 and 15 – 21 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Conwell in view of US Patent No. 6,543,890 (*Ylitalo*). Conwell is not prior art. Accordingly, claims 8 – 11 and 15 – 21 are patentable.

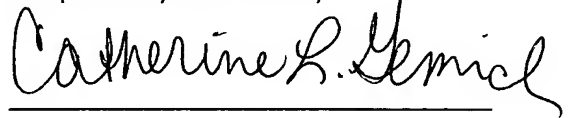
CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated and, therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the application.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term that expired on June 21, 2005, for two- months up to and including August 21, 2005. Submitted herewith is a check for \$450 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 1313814.

Respectfully submitted,



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